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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 27 February 1969

Item 1 Watch Report

Draft by Watch Committee to be circulated for Board approval;

Sponsor - [REDACTED]

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Item 2 Basic Factors and Main Tendencies in Current Soviet Policy

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;

Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

BNE advises that State has withdrawn all of its reservations from this regularly scheduled estimate. DIA has informed BNE that it will dissent or propose new language, possibly in several places, but it is not yet clear exactly where or how this will be done. The DIA Representative is meeting with General Carroll today. BNE will prepare a briefing memorandum for you as soon as possible after it receives the text of DIA's proposals, probably early tomorrow (Wednesday).

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Item 4 Some Implications of a Search for an Arab-Israeli Settlement

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;

Sponsor - Mr. Smith

BNE and the USIB Representatives met this morning (Tuesday) on this special estimate which was requested about 10 days ago by the NSC staff. This draft was fully agreed to at the USIB representatives level, however, BNE advises that State components are not in entire agreement among themselves and may come up with last minute suggestions for revisions.

Item 5 NIE on Communist China's Strategic Weapons Program

BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;

Sponsor - Mr. Smith

There has been pressure from DoD to get this regularly scheduled major military estimate on Communist China out at the earliest possible date. At the conclusion of the USIB representatives' meeting this afternoon there was only one relatively minor substantive reservation (page 25, paragraph 44) by NSA.

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A BNE briefing memorandum and a revised set of agreed Conclusions will be available early tomorrow.

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